Mosquitoes, Biomedical Education, and Special Collections: Engaging the Past and the Present to Promote an Unusual Archival Collection

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Mosquito-Borne Illnesses in the US & Latin America

October 4: Smathers Library, Room 100
October 5: Health Science Center

Free and Open to the Public
Dr. Melvin Fregly, 1925-1996

- Founding Faculty member, 1956, UF College of Medicine
- Member, Department of Physiology, 1956-1996
- Named Acting Chair of the Department of Physiology, 1964-1965
- Assistant Dean for Graduate Education, College of Medicine, 1967-1971
- Named Graduate Research Professor, 1979
Donor Intent for Fund: “Will be used for acquisitions and to support the biomedical collections in the Libraries, including the processing as a first priority of the Melvin J. and Marilyn S. Fregly Collection. It will also be used to promote education among students, faculty, scholars, and working professionals.”
Purpose and goals of the Symposium

- Topic: Promote new view of significant health concern - address social, cultural, and scientific issues raised by mosquito-borne illness, a subject that is vitally important to public health in the United States and Latin America.

- Highly interdisciplinary: bring together experts in different fields to describe how each discipline addresses these problems, and promote discussion among participants as to how interdisciplinary collaboration can enhance the development of innovative solutions.

- Promote outreach, collaborative transformation, and connection: across campus units and in the community.

- Support broad library and archive functions: raise awareness of research, and promote awareness of library skills held by curators, liaisons, and archivists.

- Increase profile of and use of library materials: showcase science-based collections in the Smathers libraries, particularly the Fregly Collection.
Institutional and Community Partners

UF George A. Smathers Libraries
UF Emerging Pathogens Institute
UF Center for Latin American Studies
Center for ARTS IN MEDICINE
United States NAVY
The Institute of Graphic Art and Design
Symposium Speakers

- Dr. Gordon Patterson, Professor, School of Arts and Communication, Florida Institute of Technology

- Dr. Chelsea T. Smartt, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology and Nematology, Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory, University of Florida

- Dr. Phil Lounibos, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory, University of Florida

- Capt. Jeffrey D. Stancil, liaison officer to the United States Department of Agriculture’s Center for Medical, Agricultural, and Veterinary Entomology in Gainesville, Florida
Events

- CoLab
- Exhibits and tours
- Student art show
- Movie Screening and panel discussion
Collaboration with Strangers: Collaborating with Strangers workshops connect faculty and researchers on campus during 3-minute speed-meetings. You'll walk away with more resources, solutions, and creative ideas than you ever imagined! Focused conversations will yield the following:

1) potential collaborative relationships;
2) increased knowledge about this research field; and,
3) problem solving of issues by discovering hidden resources.

Thursday, October 4
Smathers Library Room 100
10:00-12:00 CoLAB
12:00-12:15 pick up boxed lunches
12:15-1:15 Lunch and table discussion– topics raised during CoLAB
Library Exhibits

THE WORLD’S DEADLIEST ANIMAL: MOSQUITOES IN THE AMERICAS
Curated by Dr. Bridget Birn-Mannel
September 4, 2018 - November 2, 2018
Smathers Library Lobby

UNDERSTANDING MOSQUITOES
Marston Science Library 2nd Floor
September 24 - November 2, 2018
Curated by Tara Cataldo

THE POLITICS AND POETICS OF FIGHTING MALARIA
An exhibit of the ethno-photographic fieldwork of Dr. Kelley Saari, Visiting Research Scholar, UF Center for Arts and Medicine
October 4th - November 5th
Health Science Center Library, 1st floor
Opening reception: 10/19 at 5pm
 Presented as part of the 2018 Fine Arts/Library Symposium: Mosquito borne illnesses in the Americas, October 4th & 5th - gartsuffy@ufl.edu/theyfley

Center designed by Kathleen Geary, UF Libraries
Student Art Show
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Film Screening

Film Discussion Panel:

- Jim Liversidge, Curator of the Popular Culture Collections, Department of Special and Area Studies Collections, University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries

- Nina Stoyan Rosenzweig, History of Health, Archivist and Historian, Health Science Center Library

- Jeanne Ewert, Film Studies, English and American Literature, University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries

- Kelley Sams, Medical Anthropology, Visiting Research Faculty, Center for the Arts in Medicine

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Lessons learned

- Choose a topic well covered by collections and socially/medically relevant and important
- Think broadly about individuals and groups whose work intersects with the topic
- Consult early with all potentially involved units
- Consider any groups who may have been missed
- Consider internal and external sources of funding
- Look for connections based on STEAM-science and arts/humanities
- Bringing together disparate groups generates creative interchanges
- Find activities promoting conversation among attendees
- Search for means to advertise and highlight archival collections
Attention to libraries
Interdisciplinary connections
Successful - led to plans for series of symposia
Topic promoted ongoing global explorations: Africa and its science
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